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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains an update on the adjournment of the Legislature for the Summer Recess; a report on a Budget Trailer Bill signed by the Governor regarding the fire suppression fee; a change in pursuit of County position on legislation related to Social Security coverage for employees who are not covered by a defined benefit retirement plan; an update on County-sponsored legislation related to the County's Homeowner Notification Program; and the status on nine County-advocacy measures.

Legislative Adjournment for the Summer Recess

The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn for Summer Recess on July 15, 2011 and will reconvene on August 15, 2011 to take action on remaining legislation leading up to the conclusion of the first year of the FY 2011-12 Legislative Session.

ABX1 29 (Blumenfield) Fire Suppression

On July 7, 2011, Governor Brown signed ABX1 29 (Blumenfield), a FY 2011-12 Budget Trailer Bill, which as amended on June 15, 2011 would require the Board of Equalization to establish a State Responsibility Area Fee of up to \$150 per structure to cover some State costs for fire protection and prevention services on privately-owned land in wildland areas.

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In his signing message, the Governor stated that as a result of population increases and urban development, there has been a significant increase in State costs associated with fire protection in wildland areas. The State Responsibility Area Fee is estimated to generate approximately \$50.0 million in FY 2011-12 and \$200.0 million in ongoing State General Fund revenue which would be directed to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL-FIRE) fire protection program. However, the Governor noted that these revenues may not materialize and he directed the Legislature, the Department of Finance and CAL-FIRE to work together to draft legislation in the remaining legislative session to realize these revenues. The Governor also noted that ABX1 29 requires CAL-FIRE to convene a working group to develop recommendations to establish a State Responsibility Area Fee, and address relevant legal, programmatic and implementation issues in the clean-up legislation.

At this time, it is not known how the State Responsibility Area Fee would be applied or whether current contracts with provider counties would be affected; therefore, the Fire Department is unable to determine the potential County impact. However, the department estimates that approximately 16,000 parcels may be subject to the fee and another 1,600 may be impacted depending on how the Legislature, CAL-FIRE and the Department of Finance define a structure in clean-up legislation to ABX1 29.

Change in Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

County-opposed AB 1248 (Hueso), which as amended on May 23, 2011, would have required a local public employer to provide coverage under the Federal Social Security system to all employees who are not covered under a defined benefit retirement plan. The bill would have required the County to provide Social Security benefits to temporary employees. Currently, these employees are covered by the County's Pension Savings Plan which meets the minimum coverage requirements of Social Security.

AB 1248 was amended on June 30, 2011 to exempt local public employers that have an alternate benefit plan for part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees in place on July 1, 2011 from providing Social Security benefits for these employees. Therefore, **the Sacramento advocates will remove opposition to AB 1248 and take no position on this measure.**

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored SB 62 (Liu), which as amended on June 16, 2011, would enhance the County's existing Homeowner Notification Program to authorize the County to: 1) notify homeowners and renters subject to notices of default or sale; 2) collect a fee for notification upon the recording of a notice of default or sale; and 3) use a portion of

the recording fee to provide information, counseling, or assistance to a person who receives the notice, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 53 to 22 on July 11, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor for concurrence with amendments made in the Assembly.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 727 (Mitchell), which as amended on May 27, 2011, would require the State to provide healthier food options in vending machines, concessions, and cafeterias located in State-owned buildings, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 6 to 3 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1066 (Pérez), which as amended on June 15, 2011, would make various technical and conforming changes to implement the Special Terms and Conditions required by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 72 to 0 on July 7, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported, if amended AB 1090 (Blumenfield), which as amended on May 31, 2011, would remove the priority lien status for counties for County Deferred Property Tax Program for Senior and Disabled Citizens, passed the Senate Finance and Governance Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported AB 1297 (Chesbro), which as amended on June 9, 2011, would maximize reimbursement of Federal Medicaid funding to counties for specialty mental health services, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1319 (Butler), which as amended June 28, 2011, would prohibit the commercial manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup containing Bisphenol A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion, if the product contains food or beverage that is intended for consumption primarily by children three years of age or younger, passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee with technical amendments, by a vote of 5 to 2 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported AB 1350 (Lara), which as amended on June 23, 2011, would require county auditors to verify that property tax rate increases or extensions, proposed by a local government to fund pension programs approved by voters prior

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to July 1, 1978, do not exceed the maximum rate authorized by law, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on consent on July 11, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 161 (Huff), which as amended May 31, 2011, would allow, in the absence of a school nurse, non-medical school personnel who have received training on a voluntary basis to administer anti-seizure medication to students who are suffering from epileptic seizures, passed the Assembly Education Committee, with clarifying amendments, by a vote of 6 to 3 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported SB 332 (Padilla), which as amended June 23, 2011, would authorize a landlord of a residential dwelling unit to prohibit the smoking of cigarettes or tobacco products on the property or in any building on which the dwelling unit is located, passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee by a vote of 15 to 0 on July 6, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported SB 397 (Yee), which as amended May 31, 2011, would permit counties to develop and use electronic online voter registration systems prior to the completion of a new statewide voter registration database, if certain conditions are met, passed Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee by a vote of 5 to 2 on July 5, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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